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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. Donald Hornig,
Special Assistant for Science to
the President

1. I met with Dr. Hornig and Spurgeon Keeny for lunch on Monday, 26 October, for approximately two hours to discuss scientific problems of mutual concern between his office and DD/S&T. This was the first of a series of regular meetings which we agreed to hold.

2. I began the discussion by stating that my number one problem at the present time was the recruitment of senior scientific people and indicated that the Director and I were both anxious to identify the senior scientific person to act as my deputy on the technical front. I indicated we were also looking for an Assistant Director for ORD. Hornig suggested that [Redacted]

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[Redacted] is interested in coming into Government service, but could give me little else on him. We will explore. We also discussed [Redacted] availability when [Redacted]

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[Redacted] is up next year. Hornig was somewhat reluctant to commit [Redacted] to something as specialized as intelligence, but I argued that an unusual burst of outstanding people is needed to transform the intelligence community technologically. Hornig more or less agreed. We will return to the subject of scientific personnel for CIA at subsequent meetings.

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4. I then raised the question of basic science studies produced by OSI and their utility to the scientific community. I told Hornig that I did not wish to do more than raise the issue at this time; that I had been concerned ever since coming to the Agency that many of our basic studies were of limited value to the scientific community because of their security and were not really expert enough to present definitive reviews of sophisticated subjects. Hornig said that this problem ran all through Government, not only in following Soviet literature, but in trying to organize our own. Keeny suggested that the OSI basic science studies had been of marginal value to them, but that PSAC was not the only user. They suggested reader surveys, which I indicated tended to be indecisive because no one wants to cancel a free subscription. We agreed to return to this problem later on, and Hornig will canvas the PSAC staff for their impressions.

5. I then reminded Hornig of the DD/S&T organization chart and identified new people that we have brought into Government. In mentioning [redacted] my new number two man in OCS, Hornig was quite surprised that such a man would come

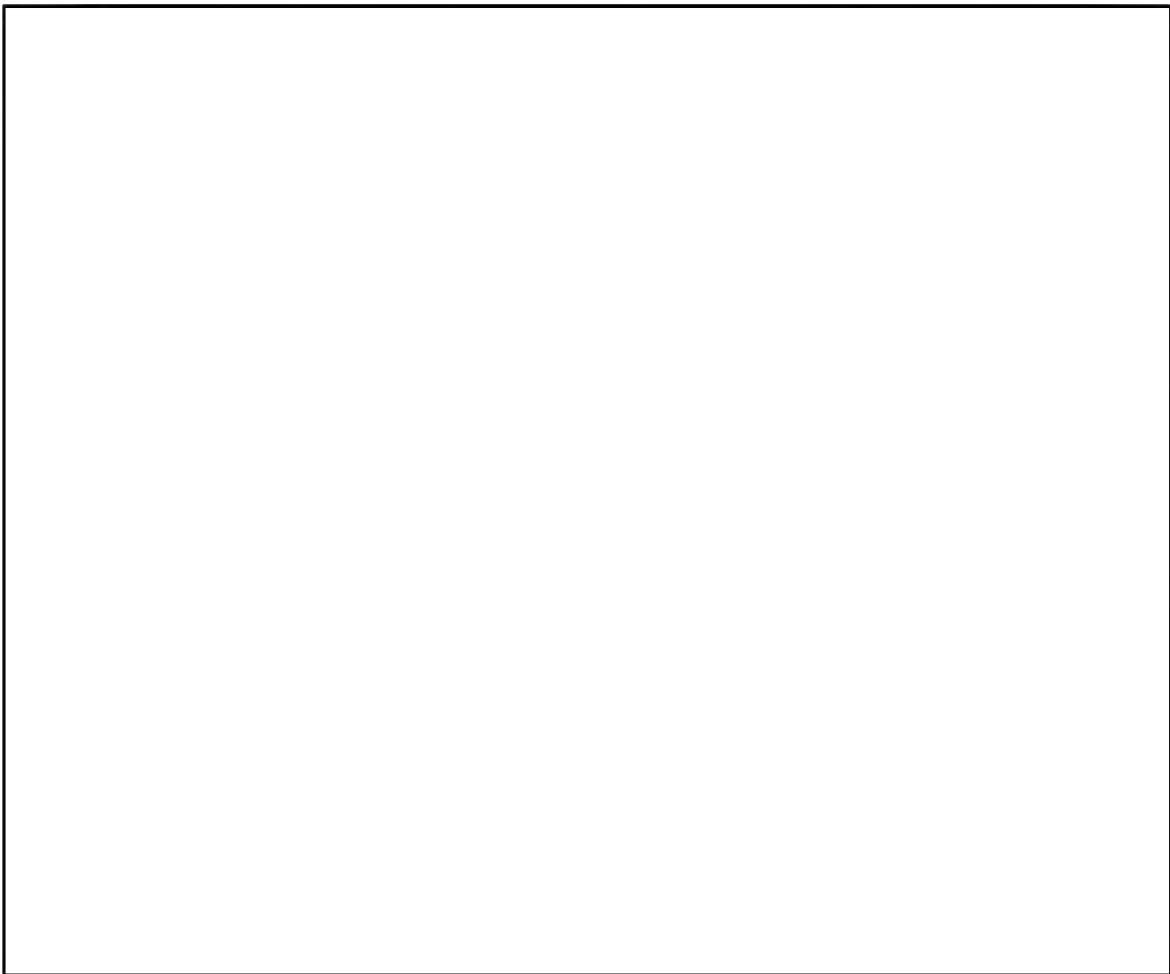
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into the Agency. I used this as a good opportunity to tell Hornig that many people found a more promising opportunity for contributing in CIA where they could function in a line rather than a staff way. I also indicated that there was a good deal of motivational reward, since the Agency was so closely and obviously coupled to national security affairs. I think this made a profound impression on Hornig.



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8. I believe that such meetings with Hornig are exceedingly important, and we will attempt to have them every two weeks insofar as our schedules permit.

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